

head start

at PEARSON ROAD

-Kindergarten Transition Program-

MAY 2024



RATIONALE

We believe that a quality transitional program creates opportunities to build relationships and better understand children's needs prior to their entry into school.

When we provide children these opportunities they are more likely to be confident learners when school starts in September and are able to quickly transition to full days.





MISSION

To create a happy and confident transition for learners to their schooling journey.



VISION

Students participate in a multi-week program (various days), to become comfortable with the environment, the staff and their peers.

PROGRAM FORMAT

A yellow mouse illustration with large ears, whiskers, and a small tail. It is facing forward.

2 GROUPS

Students will be sorted into groups based on parent preference and order of registration

An orange rabbit illustration with long ears, whiskers, and a small tail. It is facing forward.

1-2 DAYS/ WEEK

Students will be assigned to one of 2 groupings: either Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs

A teal mole illustration with a large, rounded body, small ears, and a small tail. It is facing forward.

STAFFING

- Teacher Deb (StrongStart)
- Ms. Laplante (CEA)
- Regular visits with our Kindergarten teachers and other PSE staff
- Community Support Workers

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL DO AT HEAD START



WELCOME CIRCLE

Students will start each day in circle with their peers and teachers. This gentle, routined start is how most primary classes start each day.



EXPLORATION CENTRES

Students will explore a variety of centres each day. They may include things like sand table, building structures, lego, kitchen area, art stations and more.



SANITATION ROUTINES

Students will learn the structures and routines we use for the washroom facilities.



SNACK TIME

Students will have a snack break each afternoon. Parents are asked to send one nut-free item per day. No drinks please.



SCHOOL TOURS & ACTIVITIES

Students will engage in a variety of activities to help them become comfortable in our school. For example, they will go to the library for storytime, go to the gym for a mini gym class, and visits to the kindergarten classroom!



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PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES



Provide transportation to and from the program. Line up with your child at 12:25pm and pickup at 2:30 promptly



Send 1 healthy snack (nut free) in child's backpack (no drinks please. Students can drink from the water fountain)



Apply sunscreen prior to sending



Please label any containers/clothing items with the child's name on it



Extra clothes left in their backpack in a large Ziplock bag with child's name on it (items: underwear, socks, pants, shirt)



Running shoes (no sandals or flip flops please)



SCHEDULE

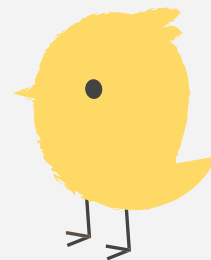
GROUP A: MON/WED

Starting on Monday, May 6 until Wednesday, May 27 (no 20th)

GROUP B: TUES/THURS

Starting on Tuesday, May 7 until Tuesday, May 28 (no 16th)

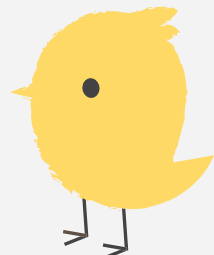
POSSIBLE FRIDAY GROUP





SCHEDULE

Head Start Schedule: May 2024					
	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
	6	7	8	9	10
	Group A - first day	Group B - first day	Group A	Group B	
	13	14	15	16	17
	Group A	Group B	Group A	Closed	
	20	21	22	23	24
	HOLIDAY	Group B	Group A	Group B	
	27	28	29	30	31
	Group A - last day	Group B - last day			





PARENTAL INPUT

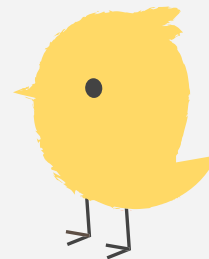
TUESDAY, MAY 7

Parents will receive communication from Pearson about Kindergarten and a request to complete a Student Information Questionnaire.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Deadline for completion of the Student Information Questionnaire

CONTINUE TO READ COMMUNICATIONS





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SEPTEMBER 2024 **START-UP** DATES

SEPT. 3

No school for kindergarten students

SEPT. 4 & 5

All students will be at school for the AM only on the 4th and a full day on the 5th.

SEPT. 6

No school for kindergarten students as class compositions are finalized. Parents will be informed of the schedule for the 9th & 10th on this day.

SEPT.

9 & 10

Students will attend school for a half day with a small group 8:30-11:00am or 12-2:30pm by invitation from teacher.

- Can I arrange to have another adult pick up my child from the program if I am unable to make it?
- What do I do if my contact numbers/info has changed?
- Is this a peanut free environment?
- What do I do if my child has an allergy?
- Is there a nap time?
- What do I do if my child has some specific needs?
- Can the school give children medication?
- Will my child always be supervised by an adult?
- My child is extremely anxious, do you have some suggestions?
- Does my child have to be toilet trained?
- Does my child need to wear a uniform?



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS





WE ARE **SO**
EXCITED TO
MEET OUR **NEW**
STUDENTS!

THANK YOU

Do you have any questions?

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*****Sign up link will be sent to the email on file shortly.**



REGISTER HERE:

<https://forms.gle/2fKBUT9jCFAgt7yW6>

REGISTRATION LINK



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